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§4-747.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) (i) “Shark” means any species of the subclass Elasmobranchii.
  - (ii) “Shark” does not include smooth-hounds, spiny dogfish, or species in the superorder Batoidea.
  - (3) “Shark fin” means the raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin or tail of a shark.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a person may not possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute a shark fin.
  - (2) A person may possess a shark fin if:
    - (i) The person holds the appropriate State or federal license or permit authorizing the taking or landing of a shark for recreational or commercial purposes;
    - (ii) The shark fin is taken from a shark that the person has taken or landed; and
    - (iii) The shark fin is taken in a manner consistent with the person’s license.
  - (3) A museum, college, or university may possess a shark fin if the shark fin is used solely for display or research purposes.
- (c) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

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